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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 24, 2005

Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, for three months from June 9, 2005, to September 9, 2005.

A Credit Card Payment Form is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1258.

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